

Mental Health Board Minutes
San Luis Obispo County
June 15, 2011
3:00 to 5:00pm
2180 Johnson Ave.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tyler Brown
Pam Crabaugh
Karl Hansen
Jill Heuer
Kelly Kenitz
David Odell
Stephan Ponce
David Riester
Jim Salio
Mary Lee Waggoner

MENTAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Karen Baylor
Jane Ahlquist
Lisa Niesen

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES ABSENT:

Charmaine Quinlan
Lisa Kelley
Joyce Heddleson
Frank Mecham
Ian Parkinson
Vicki Shelby

GUESTS

John Byers (*T-MHA/PA/AT*)
Denise Rea (*T-MHA*)
Jill-Bolster-White (*T-MHA*)
Barry Johnson (*T-MHA*)

1. **Meeting** was called to order @ 3:00 pm by David Riester.
2. **Introductions and Announcements:**
 - Save the Date!!! Saturday, June 25, 2011, 10:00 am – 3:30 pm, for “Regional Training for Local Mental Health Board & Commission Members,” at Santa Anita Golf Course, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006.
 - A reminder from Denise Rea, Transitions, the 4th Annual “Wine & Grill Affair” date (due to rain) has been moved to Saturday, August 13, at Per Bacco Cellars. Tickets are still available.
3. **Citizen Comments:** Citizens are invited to make comments relevant to Mental Health issues at this time. No comments.
4. **Action Item Re:** May 18, 2011, meeting minutes were reviewed and approved on motion by David Odell and seconded Mary Lee Waggoner. MSC: (Odell/Waggoner)
5. **Presentation:** CalMHSA Suicide Prevention Grant –Barry Johnson and Jill Bolster-White (T-MHA) gave a brief presentation of the Suicide Prevention Grant which includes: suicide prevention, reduce suicide, outreach, and resources, and to be able to bring “SLO the Stigma Campaign” to the Veterans. The grant is to expand services to Kern County and Santa Barbara County.
 - T-MHA took over the “Hotline” approximately one and half years ago. With the increase crisis calls that our Managed Care department receives after hours we are in communication with T-MHA to transfer our crisis calls after hours to T-

MHA's "Hotline," which in turn we will help fund through MHSA funding. Jill Bolster-White and Karen Baylor will discuss at a later date.

- Denise Rea from TMHA discussed the Nipomo St. Studios project that will provide 8 single units for persons with Mental Illness in San Luis Obispo, and will house the Day Program. Mental Health is working on the proposal with TMHA. The next step is getting zoning approval.

6. Presentation – Board Of Supervisors Meetings – David Riester

David Riester, Mary Lee Waggoner, Karl Hansen and Tyler Brown met with all 5 members of the BOS (individually) on Monday June 6th. The goal was to advocate for saving the positions that had been cut from Martha's Place due to the budget cuts. David presented the Supervisors with the Mental Health Annual Report. David, Mary Lee, Karl and Tyler said all the meetings were informative and are glad that they had spent the time with each Supervisor.

7. Presentation: Public Guardian, Lisa Niesen describes what and how the Public Guardian process works.

- The selection of a conservator is solely in the hands of the Court.
- An L.P.S. conservatorship is for a person who is gravely disabled (as the result of a mental disorder) and is unable to provide for his/her basic needs. An L.P.S. conservatorship must be renewed by the conservator on an annual basis.
- Probate conservatorship provides a way to manage property and/or provide for the personal care needs of the adult disabled and the elderly. A probate conservatorship may be of the person only, or estate only, or person and estate combined.
- Payee program: individuals who have difficulty managing money or their financial affairs may qualify to have the Office of the Public Guardian serve as their Representative Payee.
- The establishment of a conservatorship has three basic effect:
 1. It shifts the responsibility of making financial and personal care decisions from the disabled individual (the conservatee) to the Court appointed manager (the conservator).
 2. It imposes significant limitations on the ability of the conservatee to take actions affecting finances or personal care.
 3. It provides a certain degree of protection for the conservatee's interests from fraud, misappropriation of funds or neglect.
- The Office of the Public Guardian is the agency designated to investigate the need for both Probate and L.P.S. Public Guardian conservatorships.
- To contact the Public Guardian Office for more information, call 805-781-5845.

8. Director's Report – Karen Baylor

- Budget hearings – The issue of AB 3632 mandate remains unresolved.
- State update, no approved budget yet.
- AB109 authorizes the transfer of thousands of state prisoners to local jails, away from the state and down to the county level. The AB109 will not take effect until the state has figured out a way to pay counties for the extra responsibilities. No funding yet.
- 130 inmates will be transferred into our jail within the next 3 years. In anticipation of receiving these additional 130 inmates due to the realignment the Sheriff's Office has formed a committee to evaluate the existing facility in

terms of its physical condition and capabilities to determine if unused space can be updated and remodeled to house inmates. Some of the concerns that will be taken into consideration are building, remodeling and operating costs, staffing and the ability to satisfy the Corrections Standards Authority minimum standards for local detention facilities as well as the County's goals. The Sheriff's office is double bunking cells in West Housing (WH) 200 Unit to accommodate their current inmate population. By double bunking WH 200 Unit the 18 additional beds will help to alleviate inmates from being assigned to sleep on a mattress on the floor.

- The Women's Jail expansion project is on track and "ground breaking" for the building site is anticipated in 2012.
- Summer Schedule: we will go dark for the month of July.

9. Committee Reports:

- Membership Committee – no report
- Legal Services – no report
- Adult Services – no report
- Children's Services – The committee will meet with Brad Sunseri on children's issues.
- Adult Services Policy Council – no report.

**10. Motion to adjourn was made by Jill Heuer and seconded by Tyler Brown.
MSC: (Heuer/Brown)**

There will be no meeting for the month of July. The next Mental Health Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 17, 3:00pm – 5:00pm on the 2nd floor of the Health Campus.

Jane Ahlquist